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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1882.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

After a very quiet week, the proceedings at the race-course this morning proved of an unusually exciting description. The weather was almost summer-like in its mildness, and consequently there was a large attendance of spectators. Taylor had all his work cut out to provide for his patrons; the Teutonic legion, which mustered in great strength, making terrible onslaughts on the proverber. I heard one or two grôves about the "miserable insufficiency" of the tea and coffee, which gave our energetic C. C. an opportunity of coming down on the veteran knight of the needle with the accumulated force of a thousand bricks. However, to give Taylor his due, it must be owned that during the present season there has really been little room for complaint so far as the catering department has been concerned.

The race-course was opened for galloping purposes for the first time this season, I went round the track yesterday, and found it generally in fair order, although sadly in want of rain. Where the top-dressing has been laid down, this extends round the entire circuit, and covers about half the width of the course, measuring from the rails—the going is sound and springy, excepting in one or two places, notably the ascent to the Black Rock and the turn past the judge's box, where the ground is of adamantine hardness. On the extreme outside, the old defects of the course are still conspicuous, especially in Wild Harry's favorite track by the brook in the straight run-in. Here it is fearfully bumpy, and as hard as a turnpike road. Should rain not fall shortly, I hope Mr. Tripp will see the necessity of sending round the water cart. A thorough saturation, and then a persistent application of the heavy roller, would much improve matters, although nothing but a complete re-leveling of the outer circle of the track, and after that constant manuring and picking, can render it altogether safe and satisfactory. The training course is also getting exceedingly hard, and as the riding boys will persist in hugging the ditch closely, all the way round, notwithstanding frequent orders to the contrary, a sort of well-beaten pathway had been formed at the beginning of the week, rendering the "dolls" and a thorough watering a necessity. At present matters are rather improved, but until rain falls, the track requires constant attention.

I should be glad to see the proposed alterations on the steeplechase course carried out before the C. C. leave for the north. At present only two jumps have been constructed, those in front of the stands, and even these require some slight amendment. The water-jump opposite the judge's box should be carried out the entire breadth of the course, and the hurdle placed outside the flags, as unless this is done ponies have every opportunity of refusing, swerving, or running out. The landing also requires constant attention.

It might be dug up for a few yards, thickly manured, and then levelled down with the heavy roller, which would render the "holding" quite secure, and not too hard. This ought to be done at all the obstacles. The second jump is merely a raised wall which presents no difficulty. In olden days there appear to have been a capital fence facing the Derby starting post, which could be renewed with very little trouble, and between this and the village there are two more which can easily be placed in order. The going at this side of the course, although a bit heavy, is splendid for steeplechasing. There is a narrow trench about a foot wide which must be filled in, and in one or two places, which might be drained in another year, a few baskets of soil and manure will make it quite safe. The old water jump, a very ugly ditch with a slight drop, stands at the quarter mile post. This is the most difficult obstacle on the course to deal with, both the take-off and landing place being very unsatisfactory. A low wall or hurdle must be placed in front, and the landing cut down, levelled, and made safe. For about 20 yards from this obstacle the whole of the track will require to be dug up, manured, and re-turfed. I presume for the finish the steeplechase course will run into the ordinary training track at the quarter-mile post, thus giving a straight run-in, of 400 yards, although a flight of hurdles might be placed at the distance. The "double" at the mile post is a great mistake, as it is a most deceptive and dangerous obstacle. A flight of gored hurdles would be a proper substitute. As I have previously stated, the course can be put in good order with very little trouble.

Salmanazar only trotted; but Methusalem was spun out as fast as he could go, moving like a wooden horse, and yet MacOniodds is happy. I wonder how much he calculates he has up his sleeve with Arab! Lord of the Isles and Dragic Bower cantered about five furlongs, Darnley, Bothwell, Infatuation and Dauntless covering a similar distance, the two old ponies being steered by a gentleman "jock," at one time equally well known at Sandown, Cork Park, and the Curragh of Kildare. The three strangers, Gil Blas, Rob Roy, and Ambassador, made their first appearance on the track. The dun is an attractive looking animal—with a temper I should imagine—that moves in good style, and both the griffins are racing-like ponies, the bay for choice.

Derwent (late Counterpoint) made his debut in Mr. Taaam's team. A very handsome black or brown, with racing shapes, and grand quarters,

We are informed by the Agent of the O. & O. S. Co., that the steamship *Coptic*, with mails from San Francisco of the 23rd ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port tomorrow, the 17th.

The Times says: What Mill thought would one day happen to music, the exhaustion of all possible combinations of notes, appears to be the fate that is threatening the English novel; for the hundreds that come annually from the press do little more in these days than repeat each other's febleness. Yet the novel is, or ought to be, the representation of life, and life is infinitely varied. Can it be that the fault lies rather in the fact that the mass of our novelists are people who write with a light heart and a careless pen, and who have neither the knowledge, nor the ability, nor the patience to paint life as it is?

FROM Sierra Leone we read that the trial of the two ex-employees of the Church Missionary Society, W. F. John and John Williams, together with their wives, for the wilful murder of a young native girl in 1879, terminated on Sept. 18. The prisoners were found guilty of manslaughter, and were sentenced, Williams and his wife to twenty years' penal servitude, John to eighteen and a half years' penal servitude, and his wife to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. According to the evidence, the deceased ran away with another girl from the service of the prisoner John. On being brought back they were whipped with barbarous cruelty, and one of them succumbed to the injuries she received.

We are requested by the European crew of the police boat *Zulu*, winners on a foul of the girls race at the Victoria Regatta yesterday, to intimate to the crew of the Royal Artillery boat *Gunner*, that they are willing to row a match over the same course, and under similar conditions to yesterday's contest, for the sum of twenty dollars per oar. If our gallant Artillerymen are under the impression that they got home first yesterday on their merits, this should be a capital opportunity of definitely and satisfactorily settling the question. If we may be allowed to have an opinion on the matter, such a match as that proposed would, in smooth water, be "a good thing" for the Gunners.

SAYS the Japan Mail:—Mr. Kapena, the Hawaiian Envoy, leaves Japan in a few days, unsuccessful so far as the immigration-treaty-seeking part of his mission is concerned. His presence has not failed to supply the English local press with an occasion for displaying its ignorance, one journal having tickled its fool's bells more loudly than usual in a series of clumsy *facetiae* about the forcible extraction of fresh treaties and new extritorial privileges from long-suffering Japan. We suspect that this bottle harlequin would pull a really comical grimace did he understand the terms of the revised treaty Hawaii proposed to Japan a year ago. But it is just as well that such a persistent perverter of facts should be left to amuse himself with fiction. Very little has been seen of Mr. Kapena since he arrived here; for he has been confined to his house most of the time by an attack of rheumatism. In his suite are two bright little lads, whom he proposes to leave behind him for education in Tokyo. In fact, Japan seems to have impressed Hawaiian visitors very favorably, appealing to their aesthetic, as well as their political, sympathies. King Kulakau, we understand, has sent to the Insetsu-Kiyoku an order for about a mile of leather-like wallpaper which *Truth* does not disdain to advertise in its editorial columns. Apparently, however, His Majesty is not up to the mysteries of upholstering, for though he forwarded, with his order, a very carefully drawn plan of the palace to be papered, he forgot to say which room is which, and since the paper has to be in place before the coronation ceremony next April, the good people at the Insetsu-Kiyoku have nothing for it but to be guided by their instincts. However, Japanese instincts are generally pretty correct in these matters, and so we hope for the best.

THE news from the Soudan, says the Overland Mail, confirms in a singular way that Gordon predicted about the future of Equatorial Africa. When at Fischer, in 1879, as Governor-General of Central Africa, he encountered Yusuf Bey, the noted slave-dealer, who has in all probability fallen in the affray with Mahdi and, pointing to one of the skulls of the poor slaves who had been victims to the slave-dealers' cruel traffic, Gordon said: "The inmate of that ball has told Allah what you and your people have done to him and his, and the curse of God will be on your land till this traffic ceases." It is by no means certain that the force which Mahdi has gathered round him is not largely made up of the armed slaves which, as we all know, have long infested Darfour, and which, led by arch-robbler Souleyman, Gordon with such difficulty at last succeeded in putting down.

PETRIFYING dead bodies is the latest innovation. Every corpse that is taken to the Paris Morgue is now quickly converted into block almost as hard as stone. This result is obtained by Carré's chemical refrigerator, which is capable of reducing the temperature of the conservatory, where each body is laid out on something closely resembling a camp-bedstead in stone, to 15° below zero centigrade. At the back of this room is a row of stove-like compartments, in which the corpses are boxed up and frozen hard, before being exhibited to public view. As an illustration of the intense cold thus artificially secured, a Paris journalist, in describing a recent visit to the Morgue, says that in opening one of the compartments the attendant took the precaution to wear a glove, lest "his hand should be burst by contact with the cold iron." The corpse which was taken out of this receptacle had been there nine hours. The doctor who accompanied the visitor struck the dead man on the breast with a stick, and the sound was just as if he had struck a stone.

THE following paragraph, which we extract from the Japan Weekly Mail of the 2nd Inst., is certainly rather rough on the local organ of the missionaries:—The China Mail, relying upon the information furnished by a private letter from Yokohama, undertakes to give it readers a full, true, and particular account of Japanese politics and finance, the result being of such a nature that one is uncertain whether to be amused or astonished. According to the Hongkong Journal, Mr. Inouye is complete master of the situation, having uncontrolled charge of "the financial and fiscal arrangements and paper-money subsidies," whatever may be meant by that. The new shipping company is of course alluded to as "designed to crush the Mitsu Bishi Company," but the China Mail, in language which bears a curious resemblance to the utterances of a certain journalistic slanderer in Yokohama, declares that the enterprise "has not gained the confidence of the public, in fact, has practically received no public support whatever." Nor is this all. We are told also of "another scheme to put the whole of the coast trade into the hands of a subsidised Government Company," and of "propositions for various trading companies, ostensibly of public ownership but to be in reality part of the Governmental monopoly system." We remember reading somewhere of an old gentleman who asked a printer for a portrait of "Admiral Noah" to illustrate the first canto of Don Juan. Might it not be worth the China Mail's while to apply to the Yokohama Punch for a portrait of the truthful correspondent by whom the above romances were furnished?

The suggestion is worth taking into consideration, for Punch has now and then depicted a gentleman with long ears and a whooping Hibernian satellite who would make an excellent foilpiece for our Hongkong contemporary's incubations.

The following story is published as a "solid fact" by a New York paper.—Only recently, it seems, the crack reporter of a Brooklyn evening paper was sent by an early train to Plainfield, New Jersey, there to witness an execution appointed to take place that morning. Upon arriving at his destination he found that the criminal was not to be hanged until midday, an arrangement altogether incompatible with the despatch of his report in time for insertion in his paper, issued at a p.m. He therefore hurried off to the Sheriff, and, after pointing out that he should be a loser of ten dollars if the man under sentence were not turned off before twelve o'clock, implored that official to give orders that the "ceremony" should take place an hour earlier. At first the sheriff flatly, and even with some indignation, refused to entertain so unusual a request; but the reporter, no less persuasive than persevering, coaxed him into promising that he would authorise the change of hour if the person chiefly concerned could be induced to consent thereto; for, he added, the sooner the job was over and done with, the better he, the sheriff, should be pleased. The reporter was then admitted without delay to the condemned cell, where he briefly explained his wishes to its occupant. Drinks were freely taken of, and the reporter made himself so agreeable that presently the doomed prisoner volunteered the statement that "he did not mind being hanged an hour before his time to oblige so pleasant a fellow." This magnanimous offer was forthwith notified to the sheriff, who gave the necessary directions; and the man was hung at eleven, instead of at twelve, thereby enabling the Brooklyn reporter to get off a full, true, and particular account of the execution to his paper in time for the two o'clock issue.

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ON October 31st, says the Indian Daily News, Goa was *en fete* on the occasion of the inauguration of the Goa Harbour and Railway works. The Governor-General, accompanied by the Archbishop, presided, and the arrangements were carried out with the greatest possible success. After the formal business of the day had been completed, about one hundred persons returned to the palace, where breakfast had been provided in one of the verandahs. After the breakfast, the health of the King of Portugal was proposed by the Chief Engineer, and that of the Queen of England and Empress of India by the Governor-General. Then the Chief Engineer gave the health of the Governor-General of Portuguese in India. In proposing this toast, Mr. Sawyer said that the enterprise they had met to inaugurate virtually originated in the treaty of Lisbon of December, 1878. In October, 1879, the Staffor House Committee was formed, and survey operations begun in February, 1880, to ascertain whether it would be possible to cross the western ghauts to Goa by a line of railway. A careful examination made by a trial survey party showed that, although the road by the Tinh Ghaut leading to Dharwar could not be utilised, yet the passage up the ghauts was feasible and assured. In August, 1880, the Staffor House Committee was dissolved, and then a new committee with Sir D. Foray, C.B., K.C.S.I., opened negotiations with the Portuguese Government. These negotiations were very protracted, and it was not till June, 1881, that the West of India Portuguese Railway Company was formed for the carrying out of a railway fifty miles in length, and the harbour works at Marmagao. The floating of this company was a great success, and as soon as it was launched on the market, other railway enterprises connected with India were brought forward. The contract for the works, except the harbour, which will be constructed by the officers of the Company departmentally, was given after severe competitions on the 14th November, 1881, to Messrs. Thompson, Dixon, Bayly & Co. The whole work is to be completed on the 1st of June, 1886. But, practically, the working period is not more than two years, for during six months of the year it is impossible to work at the port or at the most difficult part of the railway. The engineer in charge of the works, Mr. Sawyer, went on to India to superintend the work, and he was advised to take a summons, but he was afraid to leave the Station as the Sergeant on duty told her to all down near the fire. This was about half past five o'clock this morning, and about ten minutes later, the Manilaman rushed in and said, "Take her to the head of the road." 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POLICE BOAT. Cetewayo. 1
C. Company "The Buffs," ...Anonymous. 2
Royal Artillery, ...Gunner. 0
INTERNATIONAL RACE. "Challenge Cup," ...For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Won last year by the English.
(ENGLISH.) "ROSE."

Bow, A. B. Tomkins, ...lost. 7lbs.
No. 2, J. L. Hughes, ...lost. 7lbs.
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Stroke, T. R. Fisher, ...lost. 12lbs.
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FOR HOUSE BOATS AND/OR GIGS PULLED BY CHINAMEN. Distance, One Mile. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, -6 seconds per Oar.

POLICE BOAT. 6-oars, ...Zulu. 1
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FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS. Distance, One Mile. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

H.I.R.M.S.D. of Edinburgh's 18-oared Cutter, 1
H.I.R.M.S. Africa's, ...12 do. do
Fr. Frigate La Victorieuse's 18 do. do
H.M.S. Champion's, ...10 do. do
French Corvette Kersaint's 14 do. do
H.M.S. Encounters' ...12 do. do
FOR PAIR OF OUTRIGGER GIGS. "Cathay Cup," presented by Hon. F. B. Johnson. Distance, One Mile. Winner of Ladies' Prize excluded.

"LARK."

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"ALPENDRE."

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FROM A SWATOW CORRESPONDENT. December 5th, 1882.

Sailing Race came off to-day.

H. B. M. Consul's Gig, ...lost. 1st.
Messrs. Bradley & Co's Gig, ...and.
I. M. Customs' Gig, ...3rd.
M. C. Dicke & Co's Gig, ...4th.

H. I. G. M.'s Frigate *Elizabeth* left to-day, and the *Starch* is expected.—*Mercury*.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Djannah*, with the next French mail, left Saigon on Thursday, the 14th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th.

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The Chinese steamship *Ridnorshire* left *Wanchai* on Saturday, the 11th, bound for *Shantung*, from its port on the morning of the 12th, and may be expected

SHANGHAI.

The Taotai has returned to Shanghai. A Telegram from Tientsin says the Peiho is fast becoming closed by ice.

The Russian Minister and the Tsung-li yamen have come to an arrangement about the duties on common tea—brick and dust—according to the late treaty.

We are informed that two wild pigs were recently caught near Wuhu, while they were attempting to swim across the river.

We hear that Signora Silini's benefit will take place on the 23rd instant. We hope this lady will secure a good house on the occasion.

We understand that some captains experience difficulty in conning their vessels through the harbour when the electric lights along the bund become more or less with their eyesight.

The *Daily News* says a successor to the Viceroy is appointed. Our contemporary does not know his name. No successor has been appointed, but there is no doubt that Tsu will retire.

The British *barque Guiding Star* made an extraordinarily quick passage to Nagasaki and back. She was 52 hours on her passage from here to Nagasaki, three days on her return passage, and 12 days there and back.

The history of the removal from office of the late Che-hsien, of Shanghai, Moh, is a curious tale of Chinese official corruption. Moh's dismissal was secured because he gave a just decision in his Court as City Magistrate. A certain well-known banker, much esteemed by Tsu Kung-pao, wanted to buy a Chinaman, who had the right to sell herself, as a concubine, and offered her the sum of Tls. 8,000. She refused, preferring to dispose of herself to a young and good-looking man for Tls. 2,000. Another old Chinaman also wanted to buy her for Tls. 8,000 or so. For some reason, the case was brought before Moh Che-hsien to decide to whom the girl should belong. Moh decided that she had a perfect right to dispose of herself as she pleased; so the young and beautiful woman disposed of herself to her lover for Tls. 2,000, irritated at the frustration of their attempt to force a woman into one of their seragios; these two mandarins determined to revenge themselves on Moh for his impenetrability to their bribery. So they raked up an old charge against Moh, of accepting a bribe of \$5,000 from a man who some years before had killed another Chinaman in a brawl at Hongkong, indicted him for bribery before Tsu Kung-pao, and Moh was dismissed. There was another charge against Moh. His son had married a courtesan, which is an act that disgraces any mandarin's family. The son lost more than gambling, than he could pay; his father refused to pay his gambling debts, and the son committed suicide. His widow, with her child, went and quartered herself upon the Che-hsien, the child's grandfather, in his yamen. This, we believe, was considered a very discreditable circumstance for a mandarin. All this is a specimen of the kind of rulers who desire to interfere with the government of these partly extraterritorial settlements, and we suppose, of the Chinese whom Professor Leone Levi tells us to take an example from.—*Mercury*.

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Commercial.

THIS DAY.

4 o'clock p.m.
Business in the Share Market has been much brisker this morning; many important changes and transactions having taken place. Banks are much firmer, there being offers to buy at 167 per cent. premium, for cash, and shares have changed hands at 168 for the end of the month. Canton Insurances are slightly weaker, sellers offering at 140 per share, a reduction of 5 on former quotation, without inducing buyers to invest. Scales of Hongkong Fires have taken place at \$1,126. Steamboats have changed hands at 32 per share premium for the end of January, and holders are offering to do business at 31 cash. Hongkong Hotels have risen considerably and have been negotiated at 120 per share, a rise of 5 since yesterday. Luzons are rather weaker, a few sales having been booked at 115, the stock leaving off with sellers at this reduced rate. No other stocks require special comment.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—167 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,800 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$320 per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,125 per share, sales.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$332 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—54 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$31 per share premium, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, sales.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—1 per cent. premium, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$190 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1 per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/6
Bank Bills, on demand 3/6
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/7
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/7
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/7 @ 3/7

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/50
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/60

ON HONOUR.—Bank, T.T. 2/3/4

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. 2/3/4

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 7/4
Private, 30 days' sight 7/4

OPPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, \$580
(Allowance, Taels 184.)
OLD MALWA per picul, \$560
(Allowance, Taels 184.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$542.
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, \$537
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest \$540
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, \$545
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest \$510
NEW PERSIAN per chest, \$530
(Allowance, Taels 8).
OLD PERSIAN per picul, \$335
(Allowance, Taels 64).

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MEASLES, FALCONER & CO. REGISTERED.)
YESTERDAY.

Barometer—1 P.M.	30.166
Thermometer—4 P.M.	30.129
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Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	29
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Dry bulb)	33
Thermometer—4 A.M. (Wet bulb)	34
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Thermometer—Maximum	34
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	33

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.	HONG- KONG	AMOY	SHANG- HAI	MALAYA
THERMOMETER.	24° F.	24° F.	24° F.	24° F.
DIR. OF WIND.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
FREQUENCY.	2	2	2	2
DRY THERMOMETER.	64.5	71.0	64.0	52.0
WET THERMOMETER.	58.6	67.0	60.0	49.0
WEATHER.	b.c.	b.c.	b.c.	b.c.
HR. RAIN.	—	—	—	—
QUALITY RAIN.	—	—	—	—

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